## REMARKS

The foregoing amendments are being made prior to the receipt of the First Official Action. Accordingly, entry of these amendments before examination is believed clearly in order, and such action is solicited.

Respectfully submitted

THELEN REID & PRIEST LLP

Dated: Dec 10, 2003 By: _____
John K. Uilkema - Reg. No. 20,282

Direct all correspondence to

John K. Uilkema
Thelen Reid & Priest LLP
P.O. Box 190187
San Francisco, CA 94119-0187
(415) 369-7641 (Direct Dial)
(415) 369-7879 (Direct Fax)

Attorney Docket No. 032697-36